

RECORD OF BLOCK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING Tues. Nov. 26, 1967

Home of Mrs. von Busch, 881 So. 17th. St.

Present: C.E.M.C. officers: Stan Winters, Pres., Grace Colat, Recorder
Mayor's Commission on Group Relations: Walter Chambers

So. 17th St. branch: Pauline von Busch, Anne Burns, Peter Swiatek, and Frank Ketch

So. 11th St. branch: Elsie Milford, William King, Mary Colston

Bergen St. branch: Mildred Helms, Rebecca Landever

Farley Ave. branch: Lee Bailey

Leysour Ave. branch: Madeline Dearkin

AGENDA

The following items, presented by Stan Winters, were accepted: Block Exchange, Distribution of Neighborhood News, Youth Conference, Strengthening Blocks with help of Walter Chambers, Choosing Com. Chairman and Secretary.

Branch Progress

Bergen St. ... Mildred Helms

1. New street lights obtained.
2. Parked car has been removed.
3. Litter baskets being used.
4. Block being swept every day.
5. Visible improvement in house reported to Bldg. Inspection Dept.

6. Unsuccessful attempt to make personal contact with Mr. Cyr re: ordinance for one hour parking for trucks. Had conveyed suggestion on exception for business purposes.

7. Branch now has 25 members, 14 of whom came to last meeting.

8. Suggested C.E.M.C. set up own blood bank.

NEXT MEETING: D.C. 12th, home of Mr. Sims, 588 Baruch St.

REPORT on VISIT to POLICE COMMISSIONER BUCHHE ... Mildred Helms

Purpose was to demand more Police protection, since branches held present situation very inadequate. Mildred urged future members of delegations be thoroughly briefed in advance, to avoid what happened at this one when some members "sugared up" the Commissioner. There were 10 members on the delegation.

Result of Visit

Pauline von Busch and Anne Burns reported that two detectives from the Juvenile Aid Bureau visited them on Nov. 25th. They asked the detectives to visit the neighbors to hear out their contention that the boys had new guns every week. They also recommended that they visit the school.

Mrs. Milford said she had written up the case two weeks ago and had included the names of complainants.

It was further reported that girls on the way to and from school were expelling "bullets" on the street (So. 17th)

So. 11th St.

1. Action gotten on street cleaning!

2. "Yield" sign has been requested at Madison intersection.

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3. Lawns are being worked on!

4. Newspapers delivered by one boy being stolen by another after delivery. 5. Branch has 8 paid up members.

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FARLEY AVE....Lee Bailey

Lee Bailey reported that program committee wished to propose to block leaders a joint program around the holidays to promote fellowship. Mission brought forth these points of view:

Some blocks had handled current problems and were now ready for a fellowship program.

A representative from a newly organized block felt time was too short and that people would be involved in family and institution commitments. Felt it should be held in Spring.

It was suggested that the party might provide an avenue of expressing our appreciation to Bob Hoover, who is leaving Newark.

A party in the form of a Neighborhood Home Festival around a winter holiday theme was offered for consideration. Three of our members attended a workshop for leadership in this party technique.

Agreed: that we have a "Get Acquainted Party", that a committee composed of branch representatives meet to work out details, and that they consider the week between Christmas and New Years.

Committee: Farley Ave: Lee Bailey

Hergen St.: Rebecca Landover, Mildred Helms

So. 11th St.: Bill King

So. 17th St.: Pauline and Busch, Anne Burns

Seymour Ave.: Madeline Dworkin, George Davis

(Madeline will notify George)

Fechine Ave.: Stan Aronowitz, Mary Robinson

Recorder: Grace Solat

The Committee would meet Friday, Nov. 20th, at 229 Clinton Av Apt. 58A

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Stan Winters gave out leaflets to be distributed on the Youth Conference to be held at Blessed Sacrament Church this coming Sunday.

In view of the shortness of time it was suggested that personal contact be made with members particularly interested in this phase of our program. Grace offered to provide the survey form prepared for our first conference dealing with recreation needs of the family. This would be useful in stimulating interest and creating a sense of participation in advance of the Conference.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

It was agreed 1. that a sheet outlining standard operating procedures would be developed by Walter Chambers.

2. that part of each meeting of the Block Steering Committee be devoted to an ongoing leadership training program.

3. As part of this leadership training, the host or hosts of each meeting would act as chairman, thus gaining confidence in the role, while having the support of the group and Walter.

Rebecca Landover volunteered to send out notices of the next meeting to be held at the home of Lee Bailey, 20 Farley Ave. Jan. 21st.

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NEXT MEETING